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- 1. Hanserex was a German company which had collected old iron and iron waste before the war and exported it to Germany. After the war Hanserex, together with the other German and Austrian companies in Rumania, came under the control of the "Administration of Soviet properties deriving from Enemy Property". Some of these companies were incorporated in the Sovroms or simply came under Soviet administration but there were others, like Hanserex or Coloranit, a chemical factory at Stalin, which continued to work under their previous management without any Soviet interference though the shares had passed into the ownership of the USSR.
- 2. At the end of the war Hanserex became responsible for the collecting of tanks and guns abandoned by the Germans on roads or in villages. Mechanics and engineers were sent to dismantle the war material on the spot and to sort it according to size and quality for distribution to various foundries, smelting furnaces and machine factories.
- 3. The company worked mainly for the Resita and the Titan Nadrag Kalan Works, but cast and sheet iron was also sent to other factories. Heavy armor plate of dismantled tanks, for instance, was sent to the Macazul Factory at Ploesti, which manufactured cement furnaces. In October 1950 Hanserex handled between 400 and 500 tons of metal per month.
- 4. The Hanserex administration was liquidated in February 1950 and the work carried on by the Semperit Company (formerly an agency of the Austrian Semperit Rubber Works). The administration remains in Rumanian hands with Lupu Elicu, a business man from Bucharest, as General Manager.

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